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CIA Praised And Criticized By Doolittle

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A special study group reported to President Eisenhower yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency, which has top responsibility for espionage and counter-espionage operations, should improve some phases of its activities.

The group headed by Lieut. Gen. James A. Doolittle said, however, that the intelligence arm is doing a "creditable job" considering its relatively short life and rapid expansion.

The Doolittle committee made a two-month survey of the CIA to appraise the effectiveness of its operations.

The recommendations submitted to Mr. Eisenhower yesterday are top secret, but Doolittle issued a statement sketching the group's findings in broad detail.

The statement said there are "important areas in which the CIA organization, administration and operations can and should be improved." It added: "The agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution."

"We are well aware of the tremendous problems facing the director and staff of an organization such as CIA and appreciate the sincere efforts being made to solve them."

The four-man study group found that the agency "is exercising care to insure the loyalty of its personnel."

The President was told that the intelligence arm is "gradually improving its capabilities" and the laws under which it operates are adequate.